

# Attention

## CITY OF BIRMINGHAM TAXPAYERS

Are your taxes on your property high enough? Or are you interested in having them increased?

The Birmingham Mayor, City Council and City Manager are about to make a commitment that we believe may obligate you, the taxpayer, for a sum of approximately one-half million dollars in the event of default of the city's presently planned fiscal program for the Northwest Quadrant parking lot.

It involves buying out the private owners of the Wabeek-Jacobson Parking Lot, removing this property from the Tax Rolls, with the city facing a loss of this tax revenue forever and financing that loss from taxpayer funds and assessments.

In short, under the guise of acting in the public interest, the plan really is shifting the burden to the backs of the taxpayer and paying out in cash to the present owners of the Parking Lot who have owned and operated it for over 6 years. If this plan goes through, Wabeek-Jacobson will have their investment returned, will be relieved of paying taxes on this Parking Lot, relieved of all expense of operation and maintenance of the Parking Lot and still enjoy its benefits.

The City in turn will absorb all of these obligations and remove this property from the Tax Rolls forever. If this is the kind of service the City should spend your money for, you may obtain more of the details at the Commission Meeting next Monday, February 27, 1961, at 8:00 P.M., in the City Hall. It is possible you may learn of other projects the Commission may be working on that will affect your tax and fiscal obligations for the possible benefit of chain stores or other special interests not living in our community.

This Message Paid For In The Public Interest By  
**COMMITTEE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT**

William F. Thomas, Chairman